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School board seats contested in Elmwood, Farmington

Five vying for three seats in Farmington

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – Three incumbents and two fresh faces are running in the April 6 election for three four-year seats on the Farmington CUSD 265 School Board. Incumbents are Dustin Blunier, B.J. Oldfield and Ron Zessin. Blunier was appointed in October, while Oldfield has been on the board for eight years and Zessin five. Newcomers are Keith A. Deppermann and Daniel Gorsuch.

Blunier, 40, is a plant agronomist for AgReliant Genetics, LLC, who moved into the Farmington school district seven years ago. Deppermann, 38, farms and is a lieutenant in the Canton Fire Department and has lived in Farmington his entire life. Gorsuch, 42, is owner/operator of



Farmington School Board members had a virtual Meet the Candidate Night that can still be viewed on the school's YouTube page. From left to right are Dustin Blunier, Keith Depperman, Dan Gorsuch, B.J. Oldfield and Ron Zessin.

Gorsuch Appliance Sales and Service and has lived in Farmington for 14 years. Oldfield, 39, farms and is a technician at Advanced Technology Services and has lived his entire life in Farmington. Zessin, 55, is a former wrestling and football coach at Farmington who is clinical services supervisor at Illinois River Correctional Center. He has lived his life in Farmington.

Nobody is running for an unexpired

two-year term. Superintendent Zac Chatterton said once the six board members are seated in late April, they will decide how to fill that opening.

Here are the five candidate's answers (edited for space) to several questions.

• *Why are you running for school board?*

Blunier: "I think it's important for every

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One incumbent among five Elmwood candidates

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – Changes to the Elmwood CUSD 322 Board of Education are assured after Tuesday's election, since only one incumbent is part of the field of five seeking three four-year terms.

Mark Davis, 45, has served two terms on the board and is a mechanical engineer at Caterpillar Inc. who has lived in Elmwood for 14 years.

Newcomers seeking a board seat are Tom Maier, Brett Powers, Kevin Windish and Katie Vaughan. Maier, 41, is a senior engineer at Caterpillar, is an Elmwood graduate and has lived in town most of his life.

Powers, 44, runs his own company, BP Electric, LLC, and he and his wife, Lindsay,

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A PUNGENT SMELL OF SPRING

Skunks afoot

Breeding season increases roadkills

By GRETCHEN STEELE
For The Weekly Post

Those of us of a certain age and odd musical tastes may find ourselves humming this tune from Loudon Wainwright III more frequently these days.

Crossin' the highway late last night

He shoulda looked left and he shoulda looked right.

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There's actually a good reason why suddenly it seems like skunks are showing up everywhere and anywhere – especially squished on the roads. It is peak mating season for skunks in Illinois

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The peak of skunk mating season in Illinois means that more of the black-and-white critters are on the move right now – and found dead along roads. Photo by Gretchen Steele.

Billtown will offer in-person learning April 6

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Weekly Post

WILLIAMSFIELD – During a three-hour special meeting last Friday, the Williamsfield School Board voted unanimously to allow parents the option of choosing in-person learning five days a week for their children starting April 6.

Since the start of the school year, Williamsfield has been operating under a hybrid system that prioritizes five-day, in-person learning for students deemed to be "struggling." About 25 percent of the student body was attending in-person five days per week, according to Superintendent Tim Farquer, while 18 percent were

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WILLIAMSFIELD: Graduation May 16 in gym

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in full remote learning and 57 percent were operating under a mix of remote and in-person learning.

Parents had a deadline of 3 p.m. on March 31 to inform the school which option they would choose moving forward.

"In order to make that happen, the board moved social distancing from 6 feet or best effort to 3 feet or best effort in classrooms and hallways," Farquer said. "On buses, seating goes back to normal. We will still space kids out as

we can. We had been leaving an empty seat in front and behind of kids on the bus as much as we could."

Some students might also have to move to the middle school gym for lunch or snacks, depending on space in Billtown Cafe.

Possible changes to the current mandatory face-covering requirement were tabled, with discussion expected at the April 12 board meeting.

Farquer was not in favor of the in-person change.

"The reason I did not recommend this expansion

is because the numbers are not going in the right direction right now," Farquer said, in reference to COVID cases. "I know we all want the pandemic to be over. But it's not."

All the members from the general public who spoke at the meeting, held in Robert Anderson Gym, spoke in favor of the return to in-person learning.

"I feel this is one of the worst things we could be doing to the children," Mark McDannald said in reference to students not attending school in person.

Some speakers wondered why athletes can participate in sports and be in close contact while students are not allowed to be 3 feet apart in a classroom.

Several district employees and parents sent emails that were read and that were in favor of the current hybrid plan. And the Williamsfield Education Asso-

ciation's official statement was in favor of maintaining the current model.

In other action, the board tabled action on prom and graduation. At present, a school-sponsored prom will not be offered. Graduation will be Sunday, May 16, at 2 p.m. in the gym.

Farquer said seating will be determined by Illinois Department of Public Health guidelines. Graduation will also be live-streamed on the NFHS Network channel.

"We don't anticipate the restrictions being tighter than 50," Farquer said. "At 50 spectators, all of our parents [of seniors] will be able to watch graduation in person. The kids will have more of a normal ceremony and everybody else can watch online."

In other action, the board voted in favor of allowing anonymous input on surveys it conducts.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Upcoming Events

- **Egg Hunts** – Princeville Presbyterian Church is holding its first annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Square in Princeville’s Steven’s Square on Friday, April 2, at 6 p.m.
- The Princeville Lions Club has an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3, at noon at Cutters Grove Park. Masks required. Ages 2 and up. Age groups: 3 and under, 4-6, 7 and up.
- Elba-Salem Women’s Auxiliary has an Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 3, at 11 a.m. at Yates City Harvest Home Park. Ages 1-3 at Pavilion, ages 4-7 at north playground, ages 8-10 at south playground.

This Week’s Events

- **Tai Chi** – Tai chi classes Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in Brimfield Library Activity Room. \$4 per class. Bring mat and water.
- **Yoga** – Yoga classes Thursdays at 6 p.m. in Brimfield Library Activity Room. \$4 per class.
- **Spring Suite** – Elmwood High School band students will not record until March 31, so the earliest Spring Suite will be available to watch on the school’s YouTube channel is April 2.
- **Tax Aide** – Brimfield Public Library offers AARP Tax-Aide Day on Monday, April 5, in the afternoon. Registration is required. Call (309) 446-9575.

Future Events

- **Harvest Home** – A Harvest Home fundraiser dinner will be held April 15 at Yates City Community Center. Carry-out only. Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, roll and cookies. Cost \$9. 4:30-7 p.m. or until sold out.

- **Virtual chat** – Morrison & Mary Wiley Library has a virtual chat with author John Sandford on April 14 at 7 p.m. John Sandford is the pseudonym for Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist John Camp. His next book, “Ocean Prey” will be released April 13. If you have questions, send to elmwoodlib@gmail.com by April 1 and they will be forwarded. Register with name and email address for the chat by April 1 to elmwoodlib@gmail.com.

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- **Biscuits & Gravy** – Union Church of Brimfield will be selling to-go orders of biscuits and gravy Saturday, April 17, from 7-11:30 a.m. Call (309) 446-3811. Delivery offered in Brimfield.
- **E Recycling Day** – Williamsfield has an electronics and paint collection day for Knox County residents April 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Village Shed. Call (309) 351-4782.
- **Free Food** – Food for needy available in pantry in northeast corner of grassy lot adjacent to St. Patrick’s Church in Elmwood.


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Quotable: "I don't know what it is about 'Godzilla,' but as far as I'm concerned, the more versions of it, the better."

-Rhys Darby

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GUEST VOICES



Of postal woes, a stolen sign & Godzilla

Rambling through central Illinois, pondering the U.S. postal service.

Postal customers in Elmwood are getting grumbly. Since high winds took the roof off the Mason's building on Nov. 17, postal operations for Elmwood have been handled in Yates City. The post office understandably won't move back until roof repairs are completed, since at present there's only a temporary roof in place. Owners of the building say they are waiting for contractors to get material to finish the job. Word is, this will drag on into the summer. That's a shame, doubly so since it is also sidelining the Uptown Cafe. Compounding the frustration is the postal service saying it won't put a temporary drop box in town so

folks in Elmwood can at least mail letters without driving to Yates City. Why not? Seems like calls to local politicians are in order. Stay tuned.

There's a \$100 reward for anyone with information leading to an arrest in the case of **Bob Tannock's** missing **Donald Trump** sign. Tannock, an Elmwood electrician, said the sign was stolen from his home on Saturday. Call him at (309) 303-2412. ... Princeville reporter **Collin Fairfield** says his former Princes classmate **Curly Smith** survived a second brush with a violent tornado. Smith was in Washington when that city was battered in 2013 and now lives in Newnan, Ga., hit by an EF4 twister last Friday. ... While searching for my cell phone recently, I heard giggling in the other room. There was the youngest boy, laughing as he peered at my missing phone. He was watching the original 1963 **Godzilla vs. King Kong** movie, the one where "scientists" use yellow balloons to float Kong out to

Mount Fuji to fight Godzilla. I never liked that one, but not because it was embarrassingly bad, as it seems now. What bothered me was the implausibility of Kong beating Godzilla. Radioactive dinosaur? Sure, that's believable. Giant gorilla beating up that monster? No way. ... So it is with skepticism that the boy and I will go see the latest Kong vs. Godzilla on the big screen at Elmwood's Palace Theatre. They better get it right this time. ... Parting shot: My wife and I are in it for the long haul, but sometimes we look at each other and think, "Oh boy." Like when she left a piece of glass off the front porch light. See, she doesn't like that light to be on at night. I do. With the glass gone, sparrows built a nest in the fixture and now I can't turn the light on, for fear of burning the house down. And I can't remove the nest, because the sparrows are some of my best friends. Devious, she is.

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Ethanol maker exemplifies big ag problems

On March 1, Nebraska's attorney general threw the book at AltEn, alleging the 24-million-gallon-per year ethanol maker near Mead spent most of the last five years making an environmental mess of its biofuels plant and the surrounding rural community.

In a 97-page civil complaint, the state detailed 18 "causes of action" against AltEn ranging from "operating a solid waste management facility" – AltEn now is "storing" an estimated "84,000 tons of distiller's grain onsite" that contain "elevated concentrations of pesticides" – to "discharge of a pollutant into waters of the state without a permit."



Alan GUEBERT

As explained here last month, the allegations stem from AltEn's unique ethanol business: in a sales pitch to potential customers last summer it explained that it was "processing 600,000 to 900,000 pounds of treated seed into ethanol daily," according to the Lincoln (Neb.) Journal Star.

That ethanol feedstock – treated agricultural seed instead the usual farm-raised corn – "created tens of thousands of tons of pesticide-contaminated byproduct" that the plant tried to rid itself of in, what the state now alleges, manners both legal and illegal.

The state's lengthy, date-filled complaint also serves a second, if unintended, function: it documents just how neglectful Nebraska regulatory officials were in their duty to protect citizens and natural resources from

the type of calamity now hitting AltEn's rural neighbors.

For example, according to the complaint, on "February 14, 2013, AltEn stated 'Grain (mainly corn) will continue to be the primary raw material and the facility will keep the ability to produce wet distiller's grain and solubles... for animal feed'"

Two paragraphs later, however, the state confesses it "discovered in 2015 that AltEn was using discarded seed corn that had been treated with pesticides as its feedstock . . . however, [it] did not know until 2018 that the byproducts from AltEn's ethanol production could contain measurable residues of pesticides."

Even after what turned out to be a deadly, three-year lag to connect the environmental dots, the state still didn't act until May 2019 when the state's Department of Agriculture, reported the Journal Star, ordered AltEn to "cease applying the solid byproduct" of the treated seed as "a soil conditioner."

Simultaneously, the state "issued the company a notice of violation that it was operating a solid waste management facility" – by storing the now-unusable ethanol byproduct – "without a permit."

And yet the plant continued to operate even, according to the complaint, as AltEn officials did little to comply to state demands that it address growing problems with nearly every system in the Mead facility – growing piles of tainted byproducts, excessive wastewater drainage, leaking lagoons and incomplete records.

Equally remarkable, the complaint doesn't explain who AltEn is and, therefore, whom the state of Nebraska is charging with 18 different

"causes of action." It does note that "Defendant AltEn, LLC, is a Kansas limited liability company" and "is registered as a foreign limited liability company in Nebraska."

Also, while the complaint lists the amount of civil fines (many are \$10,000 per day) AltEn could be liable for, it doesn't explain how the fines might be assessed or when they begin.

Equally important to many in the surrounding community is who will pay cleanup costs if the owners of AltEn declare bankruptcy and walk away from the troubled plant.

Al Davis, a rancher, former Nebraska state senator, and now a lobbyist for the Sierra Club hears that question whenever the name AltEn comes up in conversation.

"It's absolutely criminal what's happened in Mead," he said in a March 22 telephone interview. "People have been complaining about the plant since 2017 and nothing was done."

The state confirms that fact, too: almost half of the 80 or so AltEn visits by state environmental inspectors since 2015 occurred in January and February 2021.

All of which seem to point to a growing, implied understanding between most state governments and Big Agbiz: If we rarely check to see if the cows are still in the barn, don't worry about fixing the barn door.

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One alderman's vote for Elmwood mayor

To the Editor:

Thank you for giving the four Elmwood mayoral candidates an opportunity to respond to some very important questions in the March 25 edition of The Weekly Post.

As an alderman for the past four years, I have learned a few things. With this experience in mind, here is my opinion on the most important points to consider when voting for our next mayor.

Elmwood would best be served by

a mayor with relevant prior experience, one who can hit the ground running. The job is complicated, and the learning curve is steep.

The mayor should be trustworthy and dedicated to the community and the position. The mayor needs to be able to work with all people on any issues and to make decisions based on all sides of an issue.

Boundaries within a small town, between government, businesses and other public and private entities, can

be messy at times, simply due to human nature. Our leader needs to understand and respect those boundaries and work well within them.

Based on these points, I am voting for J.D. Hulslander. He meets every one of these criteria and many others. J.D. has the experience from being mayor for two terms and being on the council now. He is a lifetime Elmwood resident who was educated here, worked his first job here, has volunteered for many things and is now raising his family here. He loves this community.

– Nick McElroy, Elmwood



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Truck backs into house in Elmwood

ELMWOOD – The block of 300 West Hawthorne Street in Elmwood was the site of “truck meets house” on the evening of March 27, according to an Elmwood police report.

According to the report, Jace Barnes backed up his truck, driving over the curb and into the front of the house. A witness said they saw the driver “pumping the pedal.”

The Elmwood and Elba-Salem fire departments, BYE ambulance and Farmington police also responded. No one was injured, but residents of the house had to be moved, since extensive damage to the front of the structure rendered it uninhabitable.

Police reports

• **BRIMFIELD** – The Brimfield Fire Department and a Peoria County Sheriff responded to a collision at the

intersection of North Jefferson and Clay streets on March 21 that involved two vehicles, one of which flipped onto its side, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s report. The driver of the vehicle traveling eastbound on Clay Street was issued a citation for failure of right of way. Two people were in the vehicle traveling northbound on Jefferson Street. The passenger of that vehicle was treated for minor injuries.

• **FARMINGTON** – Farmington police stopped a driver on March 25 who made an improper stop at the intersection of Main and Fort streets, according to a Farmington police report. In addition to a warning about the traffic violation, Jacob Newsom, 22, of Indiana was cited for driving while license is suspended.

• **FARMINGTON** – A fake \$100 bill passed to the Circle K in Farmington on March 23 resulted in charges for three after police located and stopped the vehicle described by Circle K management, according to a



A truck backed into the front of this house in the 300 block of West Hawthorne Street in Elmwood last Saturday.

Farmington police report. The driver, Kelly J. Altshue, 48, of Bloomington was cited with driving while license suspended and improper lane usage. Tiffney L. Brackney, 30, of Peoria was charged with possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram cocaine), possession of drug paraphernalia and obstructing. She was transported to Fulton County Jail. Neshia D. Lobdell, 54, of Canton was issued two notices to appear for forgery (fake \$100 bills) and possession of lost or mislaid debit or credit cards.

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SKUNKS: A good de-skunking recipe

Continued from Page 1 right now! Just like deer during rut – when love is in the air, their usual good sense can take a back seat that ends in a splat. At least skunks generally only stink up your vehicle instead of causing thousands of dollars of damage.

The poor skunk – not ever high on anyone’s list of a creature you want hanging around, and so often maligned – really is a pretty nifty little creature and quite fun to observe trundling around (from a safe distance of course!)

But rabies! I can hear the cries. While skunks can carry rabies, Illinois Department of Public Health Rabies surveillance data for 2006-20 shows not a single skunk listed.

Yes, folks tend to scurry away from a skunk, and may even be disturbed when they see skunks, but it’s important to remember that skunks are an important part of the ecosystem. They help control populations of insects and grubs. As long as they are not approaching people, they do not pose much of a threat.

Skunks aren’t terribly picky about their habitat. They are frequently found along edges near water sources. Other places you may encounter a skunk include woodlands, along fencerows and in agricultural areas. Let us not forget that the stinky buggers are also quite at home in urban environments, such as parks, bike and walking paths, backyards, cemeteries and golf courses.

Where do they live and den up? Skunks will take up residence in abandoned groundhog, muskrat, fox, or badger burrows in cold weather, and also use stumps, buildings, or rock or brushpiles as den sites. So look around that wood pile in the spring – it may hold more than firewood!

According to University of Illinois Extension, “In Illinois, skunks are protected as furbearers. In urban areas, skunks that are causing property damage or that pose a public health threat may be removed if an animal removal permit is issued by an IDNR District Wildlife Biologist. Skunk populations are controlled by many factors including the availability of food, water, shelter, and breeding sites. Their numbers are kept in check by predators, hunters and trappers, and motor vehicles.”

That’s all well and good

until Fido has a stinky experience with the skunk that just trundled across your path. I’m not sure there’s much worse than a dog dripping skunk spray, especially if you have to put said smelly canine in your vehicle or share a campsite with them.

Here’s a tried-and-true recipe for de-skunking your pet, or your person. Please note, it does contain peroxide, so it can have a slight bleaching effect on fur, hair and clothing.

Mix one quart of 3 percent hydrogen peroxide solution, one-quarter cup baking soda and one teaspoon liquid soap. Do not add water. Just use this as you would shampoo, soap, or in the laundry.

This time of year, when my old Willie dog and I are out hunting mushrooms and collecting spring

plants, (since I seem to have a dog that is sure any skunk is his next best friend) I carry a smaller bottle of the solution in the Dog First Aid kit. A quick lather up of Willie and rinse off in a creek, pond, or at a water hydrant can make the trip home infinitely better.

Here’s hoping you don’t have a stinky encounter. If you do, get the spray off skin, pets and clothing as soon as possible. Skunks generally aren’t aggressive and only spray if they feel threatened. So just give them a little room and let them trundle off on their merry way and all should be well as they grub and root along clearing out lots of pests and insects.

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FARMINGTON: Vocational training mentioned

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member of a community to share and give of their talents through service. My background and experience make me a good candidate to serve and contribute on the board. Through my professional career I have managed challenging budgets, supervised employees, clearly communicated new technologies to clients and interacted on many levels with the public and community boards. As a parent of three children, a spouse of a small business owner, and a property owner, I have a vested interest in the success of our students and educators.”

Depperman: “My grandfather served on this very board. My father, my aunt, myself, my five siblings and my two children all have attended or currently attend this district’s schools. To say I’m invested in the district would be an understatement. I am grateful for the quality education I received and look forward to the opportunity to contribute to the district that educated so much of my family.”

Gorsuch: “I believe I can help contribute to solving some of the new challenges that may lay ahead for the district and to set goals that

help the children to prosper with an education for life after high school whether it be to work or going on to college.”

Oldfield: “I don’t want to stand on the sidelines and talk about what should be done I want to put into action what I hear the kids and community members want.”

Zessin: “To continue to give back to the school and community that I was born and raised in, and that provided me the opportunity to do what I do for the community.”

• *If elected, what are your priorities?*

Blunier: “Local control of our district: Our community is better served if the critical decisions about our school are made and catered to the unique needs and character of the communities it serves. I’m concerned about the level of state and federal involvement in our educational services whether it be unfunded mandates or curriculum requirements.”

“Making academic excellence a priority: I want to see a school environment that can develop students for a variety of career paths and life skills. As we move out of the pandemic, our teachers and administrators

will be tasked with assessing and identifying students who have fallen behind.

“Financial responsibility and accountability: As a rural, downstate school district, we are in really good shape financially.”

Depperman: “My priorities will always be the education and well being of the students first. My second priority is to recruit, hire and maintain a quality teaching staff.”

Gorsuch: “My main priority will be to help make sure that qualified teachers have the opportunity bring their goals forward to help make our students more successful in life.”

Oldfield: “To keep this district going financially sound and to work with the educators to help the with their needs to educate the students of the school.”

Zessin: “To continue to work with the other board members to ensure we are being fiscally responsible with the taxpayer’s money, and to ensure safe quality education for all the children in the district.”

• *Is there a particular issue that motivates you to serve on the board of education?*

Blunier: “I would like to see our board provide more

proactive leadership for our school. I’ve found over the last several years that our board has a tendency to be too reactive to issues challenging our school district. I would hope to bring a philosophy to the board that encourages a more forward thinking environment to anticipate the impact of decisions and empower teachers and administrators to be able to address potential issues with more confidence and resources.”

Depperman: “Obviously the COVID-19 pandemic has been a unique challenge to education as a whole and to our district. I am grateful for our current board member’s commitment to quality education and ‘in-school’ learning during this difficult time and I want to participate in the decision making process to ensure we are prioritizing our student’s education.”

Gorsuch: “I am motivated to help solve issues and prepare kids for life after high school if college is not the path they choose.”

Oldfield: “To keep this district moving forward and evolving with the times. To keep our students moving forward to be the best citizens for our community and communities

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they may move to.”

Zessin: “Vocational studies – Continue working to increase the learning in this field. Transportation – Ensure the school has safe and quality transportation under these trying fiscal times.”

• *What is your vision for education in this community?*

Blunier: “In early education, a very strong core curriculum. I would like to see our elementary and middle schools focus on student performance. This requires empowering our teachers to identify and help students that are struggling while also challenging and stimulating above average performers.

“In secondary or high school, we need to be able to provide a variety of paths to successful post-secondary educational or vocational opportunities. In addition to strong college preparatory, we need to be able to prepare students for a skilled trades industry that is starved for young, qualified workers.”

Depperman: “A school system that challenges and provides a quality education to every single student regardless of their background, learning pace, etc. I further hope to ensure that we are educating our students in such a way that they are prepared for whatever career path they may choose.”

Gorsuch: “When kids graduate they have an understanding of work ethic that should be enforced and mirrored by the educators.”

Oldfield: “Empowering our students to achieve whatever they desire. To go to college or go into the work force right out of high school. Whatever they want.”

Zessin: “To educate all students to the highest levels of academic achievement utilizing the resources

available in today’s society.”

• *Why should you be elected?*

Blunier: “In the middle of a pandemic, I stepped up to serve and fill a vacancy on our school board. I took the approach that now more than ever, we need leadership in our school that doesn’t come in thinking they know everything. Instead, we need leaders humble enough to dedicate time to listen and engage the community, do independent research and be a valuable part of board discussion. I’ll bring an approach to the board that is proactive, transparent and fiscally responsible.”

Depperman: “If elected, I hope to be an advocate for the students of the district as well as those wonderful people the district employs to educate and support our students.”

Gorsuch: “I feel I can bring a different perspective, that I am hoping will help bring change to help our district continue to move forward in a positive and successful way, that will benefit the district as a whole. I am ready to put in the time and effort to help to make this possible.”

Oldfield: “I have a passion for the school and for our district. I have and will continue to work to make the school the pride of our communities.”

Zessin: “I have 20+ years of experience on community elected boards. I am very active in the community and school

activities. I have five years experience on the school board, and experience with working with the community and on solving hard issues and resolving union contracts.”

• *Anything else?*

Blunier: “I’m very proud of our school district. We have very dedicated and capable educators, administrators, support staff, and volunteers. We have handled the last year of this COVID pandemic as well as any reasonable person could expect. Our community craves consistent communication and parents desire to be involved and cooperative in the education of their children. If we’ve learned anything in the past year, it’s that communication is an ever moving target that must be at the forefront of our staff’s thoughts and actions.”

Gorsuch: “I would like to thank the district and the community. It has been a challenging year for everyone, but I can tell you from experience our community has stayed strong.”

Oldfield: “Thank you to my wife Michelle for the patience she has shown over my eight years on the school board. To my children Reese and Matt for understanding dad has to leave a few nights a month to go to meetings to help make their school better.”

Zessin: “In small-town elections, this is really where your vote counts; so please get out and vote.”

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ELMWOOD: Marketing district to new families

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 are both Elmwood grads. Windish, 38, farms and owns AKW Excavating, Inc. and was born and raised outside of Elmwood. Vaughan, 40, is a speech-language pathologist at Illini Bluffs Elementary School and Hollis Grade School and has lived in Elmwood for 14 years.

Here are the five candidate's answers (edited for space) to several questions.

• *Why are you running for school board?*

Davis: "In my last two terms as a board member, I have been able to be part of some of the best improvements Elmwood #322 has made to their facility since being built in 1952. It is important to update our school with a 21st

century learning environment for our students and staff. I enjoy working with folks who care about our kids and have knowledge and certain skill sets to progress us forward as a district in a small rural Illinois community."

Maier: "To bring a fresh new voice of ideas and opportunities with a common-sense business approach for the school district."

Powers: "To represent all stakeholders within our community and bring their voice to the table. I want to see the educational excellence that Elmwood is known for and ensure the continued excellence for all future students."

Vaughan: "To continue the traditions of excellence for future generations."

Windish: "To be able to assist in prioritizing what is best for our kids' education. I feel like it is an opportunity to help our school district improve and continue to be successful."

• *If elected, what are your priorities?*

Davis: "Continue to provide building improvements that are not only, more energy efficient and cost effective for the taxpayers, but improve the overall learning environment for our students and staff. To maintain growth in central Illinois, our facilities must be competitive with surrounding schools to attract families into our school and community. Currently the building committee is working on preliminary plans to make improvements within the elementary building."

Maier: "To help complete any of the remaining items that are still in process (5-, 10-, 15- or 20-year plan) that the previous board members may have started. I believe our current board has done a tremendous job and I would like to continue that success. Next, I am looking towards the future. We need to work on ways to sell our school to families and new college graduates. This way we can maintain a healthy enrollment in our school dis-

trict and community by trying to recruit new teaching talent. Finally, I would like to focus on our faculty and staff by trying to improve our engagement with them and work on ways to maintain, reward, and keep them."

Powers: "To represent all members of the community – students, parents, teachers – in decisions with transparency; listening to all those involved in the school system."

Vaughan: "If elected, my priority is to listen ... to parents, teachers, students, fellow board members and administrators. Different perspectives of several individuals coming together to make the best decision for all stakeholders."

Windish: "I would like to see a real focus on the academics. I also feel strongly that we should be creating opportunities for kids to have access to trade school training or co-ops, not just college. Teachers work hard for our district, I would like to be involved with helping them receive the most resources to be in the best position to educate our children."

• *Is there a particular issue that motivates you to serve on the board of education?*

Davis: "During my first candidacy, my motivation

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to become a board member was simply to utilize my skills and experiences for the good of the district. By leading the building committee within my first year, I was able to improve the learning environment and facilities with three improvement projects over six years at a cost of more than \$10 million. During this time, the district maintained or lowered our portion of property taxes.”

Maier: “To make sure we are readying our children/ students not only for college but also for the working world. Given the rising cost of college along with the increase of student debt, students may choose not to go to college and may seek opportunities elsewhere, like in the trades or other job-related field areas. We need to make sure we are developing these students with the understanding and knowledge of finance, insurance and other benefits that are provided at the working level.”

“For students going off to college, we need to make sure we are helping them by providing guidance and support into researching and trying to achieve every financial assistance available.”

Powers: “I would like to see transparent communication from school to community that better represents a brighter future for our students. Being fiscally responsible is a high priority for me, making sure that our schools take full advantage of all opportunities presented.”

Vaughan: “The future of my children is my biggest motivator. I see myself as an individual who can be part of a solution to any current/ongoing issues.”

Windish: “Policies coming down the line from our state, and how they

are implemented. Academics should be our number one focus.”

• *What is your vision for education in this community?*

Davis: “Our children are the future and whatever we can do make them successful, I want to personally provide as much help as possible. Elmwood is a unique place and has produced many great citizens who have been beneficial to humanity, from pilots, to CEOs, teachers and police officers. We need to be proud of the young people who have and continue to graduate from Elmwood. Making the facility attractive and user friendly to students and staff will entice more folks to choose our district when looking to move into the area.”

Maier: “Trying to keep the school district financially stable, while not taking away from the current opportunities available to our students. We will be facing rising costs (technology, supplies, etc.) and the possibility of a declining student enrollment in the next few years. As a unified school board we will need to take on this challenge and come up with different ways to resolve this concern.”

Powers: “To provide

educational resources and opportunities for all students to help them reach their full individual potential.”

Vaughan: “For all students to be successful and independent in whatever path they choose to take. I am eager to cultivate an environment where teachers are excited to share their knowledge and experiences to support and encourage all students.”

Windish: “To focus primarily on academics. Again, I feel we should be providing access and opportunities for high school students outside of the normal college track.”

• *Why should you be elected?*

Davis: “I have proven to be an effective advocate for the students and staff when we talk about facility improvements. Based on my other community involvement, it can be seen that I want to provide as much opportunity for young people to succeed as possible. I feel the next four years will be a continuation of the last eight years, providing leadership, expertise and execution of projects that will complete updates to the district.”

Maier: “Growing up in Elmwood and attending

school here, I was prepared for college and beyond. I want to make sure that we are continuing this for our future generations. I think with bringing my ideas and skill set to the school board we can continue the success of our school district.”

Powers: “Decisions need to be mitigated in a way that has the most impact. I am an independent thinker and problem solver; listening to all facts and opinions before forming my decisions.”

Vaughan: “I believe I should be elected because I bring a unique perspective to the table. As an educator with many years of experience in other districts, and a mom, I am able to use the knowledge and understanding I have gained to be an objective participant.”

Windish: “I want to see our school district continue to be successful. I will work hard to make sure parents are heard and teachers are supported.”

• *Anything else?*

Davis: “I worked for my school district as maintenance help for two summers after high school. I guess those experiences are some of what drives me to improve our facilities.”

Windish: “Thank you for the opportunity!”











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Write-ins vie for Yates City village presidency

By **JEFF LAMPE**
 For The Weekly Post
 YATES CITY – After nobody pulled a petition to appear on the ballot, two write-in candidates emerged to run for the village presidency.

Incumbent Leslie Gavelys, 45, is a sixth-generation resident of Yates City who works locally in health management as a program director for two skilled nursing facilities.

Ken Vallas, 44, is a former village president and a current trustee who has lived in Yates City for 24 years. He owns Central Illinois Pest Management and is a former firefighter and a current EMT.

• *Why are you running for Village President?*

Gavelys: “The citizens have an exceptional team working for them. I’m talking about the city workers, the Police Department, the board members and the numerous others who volunteer in other ways within our community. Everyone contributes something. I enjoy the collaboration efforts put forth and the genuine enthusiasm to respect and serve our community. I am running for not only the community that lives here, but the people who serve to make it such a success.”

Vallas: “To bring a fiscal conservative approach to local government by spending taxpayer dollars like it is my own. To get rid of all the junk yards in the village.”

• *What are some things you hope to accomplish in*

your tenure?

Gavelys: “I want it to be business as usual moving forward. I want to continue working with our engineer on the city’s feasibility study. The Water Works Director and employees have a great working relationship with our water consultant. I don’t wish that to end. I want to maintain that consistency and high level of standards everyone in this town deserves. I would continue to maintain and build our infrastructure, maintain our water system, defend and provide public safety by keeping our current Police Department working. I don’t want to sell out our water system, I don’t want to eliminate the officer’s positions, and I don’t want to eliminate the city workers or the individuals we out source that make up our working team. I want to continue to make a difference each and every day.”

Vallas: “Get rid of the junk yards, get the Village off the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ‘Critical Review Status’ without drastic water and sewer rate increases. Do not raise taxes.”

• *You are a write-in candidate and so is your opponent. Why did you not get on the ballot?*

Gavelys: “No one stepped up to run. In the end, I reconsidered and placed my name in as a write-in. I am 100 percent determined to lead this community for another term.”

Vallas: “At a Village Board meeting, the current village president stated she wasn’t running, and I was hoping someone else would step up and run. After learning no one had done so, I decided to do a write-in campaign so someone with experience as village president would be in that position.”

• *What are the biggest challenges facing Yates City?*

Gavelys: “Overall, the town is in really good shape. The biggest challenge for the board will be determining and agreeing on a long-term plan to develop a second water source. The biggest challenge for the citizens is staying informed with the facts. No one has ever said that the board or myself wants to raise taxes or the water rates. The minutes prove it.”

Vallas: “The water system and being on the Illinois EPA’s ‘Critical Review Status.’ Money: the water and sewer account is basically broke and will have to borrow money just to pay basic expenses very soon. Cleaning up the town and getting rid of the junk yards by passing tough enforceable ordinances.”

• *The Illinois EPA has placed the Yates City community water system on “Critical Review” for having only a single well. What are your plans to change that?*

Gavelys: “Critical Review means that the village can not add additional water mains. Bottom line our city can not expand. Yates City has been on the critical list spanning back over the course of the last three village presidents. The current board has been compiling information to establish a course of action to correct only having a single well. Two options are either to drill a well or have an emergency inter connect with Elmwood.”

Vallas: “To add a second well and not proceed with adding or repairing the

water tank reservoir. The second well will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, and will give the village a constant supply of water without spending close to a million dollars on the reservoir, saving taxpayer’s money and limiting any increases in water rates. This is going to be a big issue for all residents of Yates City, as it is another unfunded state mandate and will cost the village a significant amount of money. The taxpayers need someone with knowledge of the water system and business experience to lead this critical matter.”

• *Anything else?*

Gavelys: “What have we have accomplished under my time with the village? The Village has worked with Elba-Salem Fire Department to erect a remote tornado siren. We have worked with townships and various other local surrounding communities and have agreed and implemented various inter-governmental agreements for equipment utilization. The city has upgraded controls at the lift station and water plant. The pumps and the water tower are all monitored remotely. Valves have been mechanically upgraded in the water plant. We now have remote read water meters. We have upgraded computer software and malware. We have installed video surveillance. A website has been established and you can even pay your bill online. We have maintained and updated our infrastructure. We have worked towards our personal strengths to achieve a strong foundation of which anyone would feel safe and proud to live in this community.”

Vallas: “Transparency. I will stream the village board meetings so the residents will be able to see exactly what the village board is doing.”

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Fraudulent calls being placed in Fulton County

LEWISTOWN – Fulton County Clerk Patrick O'Brian said he has learned that fraudulent phone calls are being placed to residents of Fulton County and other counties in the area, stating that they are the county clerk or county treasurer.

"These callers are claiming that you have delinquent property taxes. They are also claiming that if you do not pay them through these calls, you are in jeopardy of losing your home or land," O'Brian said. "This is false. Neither the office of county clerk and recorder or office of county treasurer will reach out to you by phone to discuss matters such as these."

O'Brian advised people who receive such calls to not give out any personal information.

"Please hang up the phone and call local law enforcement or the office of the county clerk and recorder if you feel the need of re-



The Easter Bunny caught up on local news recently during a stop at Williamsfield Public Library. Photo by Kara Clark.

assurance," he said.

The Fulton County clerk's office is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday at (309) 547-3041, Ext. 117 or 123.

College honors

Kate Meyers of Elmwood was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Illinois Wesleyan University. Meyers is majoring in mathematics.

Illinois 'bridge' phase on hold as cases rise

SPRINGFIELD – COVID-19 hospitalizations and case positivity rates continued to trend upward Monday, leaving entry into a recently-announced "bridge" phase of reopening uncertain even as the percentage of seniors vaccinated continued to increase.

The COVID-19 case positivity rate was 3.3 percent Monday, having risen for the fourth straight day.

Meanwhile, 68.9 percent of seniors have received at least one dose of the vaccine, but even if that number reaches 70 percent, a "bridge" phase to expanded capacity limits at restaurants, other businesses and social gatherings is on hold until hospitalization metrics and number of new cases reported stop climbing.

The state has expanded vaccine eligibility to all Illinoisans age 16 and over. Learn more about vaccination schedules and locations at coronavirus.illinois.gov or by calling 833-621-1284.

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Elmwood welcomes new teacher

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – The Elmwood School Board welcomed a new teacher Monday during a rapid-fire 27-minute open session of its monthly meeting and congratulated four other teachers for attaining tenure next fall.

Introduced to the board Monday was Sarah Murdock, a second-grade teacher who will take over for retiring teacher Bonnie Northrup next school year. A 2013 ROWVA graduate, Murdock also graduated from Monmouth College in 2017 and Fort Hays State University in 2020. She is currently teaching at Forrestville Valley in German Valley, Ill., and plans to relocate to rural Elmwood with her husband.

The board also congratulated four teachers who are completing their fourth year at Elmwood and will attain tenure. They are Sarah Christy, Alex Coulter, Jenni Davis and Destiny Wiebler.

In other action, the board approved Gorenz and Associates to complete the district audit for \$10,560.

The board also approved a \$76,328 contract with Heart Technologies to install new wireless infrastructure in the school. The school will have to pay \$30,531 of the cost, with the rest picked up by the federal E-Rate program.

Superintendent Chad Wagner reported for the building committee, which met earlier in the month, and said the district is working with KED of Brimfield to analyze the school's HVAC systems. He expects to have a report for the April meeting.

Elementary school prin-

icipal Dimitri Almasi reported that 316 students are now attending in-person classes, with just 16 choosing remote learning.

And Junior/Senior High School Principal Tony McCoy said high school graduation will be held on May 16 at 1 p.m. on the

football field. In case of rain, the event will be moved back to 4 p.m. If inclement weather persists, there will be a drive-through distribution of diplomas.

The board also approved Tiffany Bell as junior high scholastic bowl coach.

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Errol G. Brewer
 ELMWOOD – Errol G. Brewer, 88, of Elmwood, Ill., passed away on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at his home. He was born June 2, 1932, in Knox County, Ill., the son of Errol G. and Martha (Huffman) Brewer. He married Donna Snyder on Oct. 23, 1954, in Farmington, Ill., and they have been married for 66 years. She survives.

Also surviving are 3 children Gary Brewer, Valerie (Ken) Pickens, Kurt (Sandra) Brewer; 7 grandchildren, Stephanie Gale, Kari (Josh) Gattung, Matthew Brewer, Kenny Pickens, Alisabet Garcia, Elizabeth (Steve) Barrick, Issac (Jessica) Garcia; 15 great-grandchildren including a set of triplets; and 2 great-great-grandsons. His parents and one sister preceded him in death. Errol graduated from Elmwood High School in 1950. He worked at Caterpillar for 37 years, retiring from a management position in 1987. He did custom farm work for many years then starting farming on his own up to this year, which he loved to do.

He was a member of the Farmington Moose Lodge and a member of the United Methodist church in Elmwood. A visitation was held from 3-5

p.m., on Saturday, March 27, 2021, at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood. A graveside service was held at 2 p.m., on Sunday, March 28, 2021, at Elmwood Township Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the B.Y.E. Ambulance service. To view Errol's video tribute or to leave online condolences, please visit www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com.

Oaks-Hines Funeral Home and Crematory in Elmwood is in charge of arrangements.



Brewer

Monty Casley
 PEORIA – Monty Casley, 81, of Aurora, Colo., formerly of Peoria, passed away at 6:33 a.m. Saturday, March 20, 2021, at the Medical Center of Aurora.

Monty was born on Sept. 7, 1939, in Peoria, the son of Elmer and Ethel (Kirby) Casley. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Thomas Casley, Theatford Casley, and Durland Casley; and one sister Pearl.

Surviving are three sisters, Adelaine Valleroy, of Christopher, Ill., Josephine (Alfred) Bohannon, of Topeka, Kans., and Bonnie (Jim) Siewell, of Princeville, Ill.; two brothers, Elmer J. Casley, of Huston, Ark., and John Casley, of Metamora, Ill.; and several nieces and nephews. Monty was a 1959 graduate of



Casley

Richwoods High School and worked as a pharmaceutical distributor for Makeslain Robins Drug Company for many years leading up to his retirement. He loved to go bowling, play pool, baseball and also refereed. His favorite holiday was Christmas.

Graveside services were held at Swan Lake Memory Gardens at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27, 2021. Rev. Jason Pursinger officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left for Monty's family on his tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

E. Suzanne McGovern
 ELMWOOD – E. Suzanne "Sue" McGovern, 81, of Toulon, died at 3:30 a.m. Monday, March 29, 2021, in OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria.

She was born Nov. 1, 1939, in Galesburg, the daughter of Raymond A. and Gladys I. (Pallister) Marvel. She married James Joseph McGovern on Oct. 3, 1959, in Galesburg. He preceded her in death Sept. 17, 2006 after nearly 47 years of marriage.

She is survived by seven children, Ann (Mark) Pedersen of Wheaton, Julia Stone of Peoria, Rita Burrows



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 — Carl Sagan

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OBITUARIES

of Galva, Janet (Robert) Stoffel of Indianapolis, Ind., Patrick McGovern of Ashford, Ala., Mark McGovern of Galesburg, and James (Sandra) McGovern Jr. of Ishpeming, Mich.; and six grandchildren, Joseph (Lynn) Burrows, Shelby Stone, James (Samantha) McGovern III, Jenna Stoffel, Christopher Burrows, and Jesse McGovern. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents.

Sue was raised and educated in Galesburg, where she was a member of the First United Methodist Church and graduated from Galesburg High School in 1957. She then attended Western Illinois University for one year and graduated from the American Institute of Commerce in Davenport, Iowa in 1959. Sue had lived in Galesburg, rural Maquon and Elmwood.

She held various work positions, including at Uniformly Perfect in Peoria. Sue enjoyed collecting antiques.

Visitation will be 1-2 p.m. Friday, April 2, 2021, at Hinchliff-Pearson-West Funeral Directors and Cremation Services Galesburg Chapel. A funeral service will follow at 2 p.m., with Rev. Vince Rohn officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. Due to guidelines associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing and facemasks will be required with limited occupancy.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Spoon

River Valley Scenic Drive, P.O. Box 525, Canton, IL 61520 or OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home, 8630 N. Illinois Route 91, Peoria, IL 61615. Online condolences may be made at www.h-p-w.com.

Nancy I. Taylor

MIDDLEGROVE – Nancy I. Taylor, 72, of Middlegrove, Ill., passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on Sunday, March 21, 2021.

She was born Feb. 3, 1949, in Phoenix, Ariz., the daughter of Dean and Margaret Pascal Ludlum.

She married Richard “Dick” Taylor June 13, 1967, in Oquawka, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Taylor; 2 daughters, Lisa (Bryan) Welker, Tina (James Harris) Wilkinson; two sons, Shawn (Donna) Taylor, Shane (Ashley) Taylor; 10 grandchildren, Trey, Austin, Keegan, Mackenzie, Shawn Jr., Maelee, Boston, Brady, Brannen, Maicee; four brothers, Bruce (Bonnie) Ludlum, Rod Cameron, Scott Cameron, Kenneth Jeppo Jr. and 1 sister, Sharon Hammond.

Nancy loved her family dearly. Music and dancing were her passion for many years until her hearing loss. She enjoyed many years of camping, fishing, and growing flowers.



Taylor

She was a New York Yankee fan. She had many friends she met on the computer. She will truly be missed by many.

Per her wishes cremation has been accorded and no services will be held.

The Cremation Society of Mid-Illinois Co. Pekin/Peoria is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at csmico.com.

Roger J. Best

BRIMFIELD – Roger Joseph Best, 83, of Peoria, a Brimfield High School graduate, died March 26, 2021, at Generations of Peoria.

Born Dec. 21, 1937, in Peoria, Roger married Frederica Lyons in 1964. They had four children. He later married Joyce Greene on Aug. 27, 1976. She survives.

Other survivors include his three daughters, Dawn Elizabeth (Jon) Van Gundy of Grove City, Ohio, Annette Marie (Jesse) Gutierrez of Peoria and Jennifer Lynn Best of Peoria; seven grandchildren; and two brothers.

Shirley A. Bott

EDWARDS – Shirley A. Bott, 81, of Edwards died March 20, 2021, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. She was born Sept. 15, 1939, in Peoria. Shirley was married for 63 years to Neil Bott.

Survivors include son, Mike Bott (Sue Hein) of Peoria; grandson, Kevin (Brittany) Bott of Hanna City; two great-grandsons; three sisters; and two sisters-in-law.

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Thank You
The family of Wayne Dalton would like to thank those who sent food, cards, stamps, gifts and memorials during our time of loss. Your phone calls, prayers and support have carried us through. A special thank you to Pastor David Pyle, BYE, and Debbie Glenn from Oak Hines funeral home. We appreciate your compassion and thoughtfulness.
Connie Dalton
Mike & Cathy Clark
Jeremy, Denise & Christopher

AREA CHURCHES

BRIMFIELD
Baptist Church of Brimfield
Pastor Doug Seeley
321 S. Jefferson St., Brimfield
(309) 678-2208
Sun. School: 9:30 am
Sun. Worship: 10:40 am
Wed. Bible Study: 7 pm
St. Joseph Catholic Church
Father John Verrier
314 W. Clay, Brimfield
(309) 446-3275
stjosephbrimfield.org
Sat. Confession: 3:30-4:45 pm
Sat. Mass: 5 pm
Sun. Mass: 10:30 am (10 am in the summer)
Daily Mass: Tues.-Fri. 8 am
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
"Preaching Christ Crucified"
"Liturgical & Reverential"
Pastor Michael Liese
204 W. Clay St., Brimfield
(309) 446-3233
Sun. Divine Service: 10 am
Brimfield E-Free Church
Pastor Donald Blasing
11724 Maher Road
Brimfield, IL 61517
(309) 446-3571
brimfieldefree.org
Worship: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:30 am
AWANA: Wed. 6:15 pm, ages 3-12

Brimfield United Methodist Church
Pastor Roland Millington
135 S. Galena St., Brimfield
(309) 573-1833
Sun. Worship: 9 am
Sun. School: 9 am
Wed. Bible Study: 7 pm
Union Church at Brimfield United Church of Christ
Pastor Stephen Barch
105 W. Clay Street, Brimfield
(309) 446-3811
brimfieldunionchurch.org
Sunday Worship: 9 am
Tuesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm
• First Sunday each month is Communion Sunday (gluten-free communion offered)
• Youth group meets 2nd Sunday each month, 12:30-2 p.m.
DAHINDA
Dahinda United Methodist Church
Reverend Teri Shane
1739 Victoria St., P.O. Box 14
Dahinda, IL 61428
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship & Coffee: 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:40-11:30
Church: (309) 639-2768
Pastor's Office: (309) 639-2389
Email: williamsfielddahindaumc@yahoo.com
DOUGLAS
Douglas United Methodist

Church
Pastor Kristine McMillan
484 3rd St.
Yates City, IL 61572
(NOTE: Church is in Douglas)
Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m.
(Maquon worship: 10:30 a.m.)
Facebook Live is 10:30 at Maquon UM Church page
EDWARDS
Bethany Baptist Church
7422 N. Heinz Ln., Edwards
(309) 692-1755
bethanycentral.org
Sun. Worship 8:30 & 10 am
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Father Joseph Dondanville
9910 W. Knox St., Edwards
(309) 691-2030
stmaryskickapoo.org
Sat. Confession: 3-3:45 pm
Sat. Mass: 4 pm
Sun. Masses: 7 & 11:00 am
Mon. Mass: 5:30 pm
Daily Masses: Wed-Fri. 8 am
ELMWOOD
Crossroads Assembly of God
Pastor Tim Cavallo
615 E. Ash St., Elmwood
(309) 830-4259
crossroadselmwood.org
Wed. Worship: 7 pm
Sun. Worship: 10:30 am
Elmwood Baptist Church
Pastor Bill Cole
701 W. Dearborn St., Elmwood

(309) 742-7631, 642-3278
Sunday School: 9:30 am
Sun. Worship: 10:30 am, 1:15 pm
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 pm
First Presbyterian Church of Elmwood
Reverend Marla B. Bauler
201 W. Evergreen, Elmwood
(309) 742-2631
firstpresbyterianofelmwood.org
Sun. Worship: 10:30 am
Sun. School: 9:30 am
St. Patrick's Catholic Church
Father Joseph Dondanville
802 W. Main St., Elmwood
(309) 742-4921
Sat. Mass: 5:30 pm
Sun. Mass: 9 am
Tues. Mass: 8 am
Tues. Confession: After mass
United Methodist Church of Elmwood
Pastor David Pyell
821 W. Main St., Elmwood
(309) 742-7221
elmwoodumc.org
Sun. Worship: 9 am, 10:30 am
Youth Sun. School: 9 am
Adult Sun. School: 8 am
FARMINGTON
Farmington Bible Church
Pastor Tony Severine
497 N. Elmwood Rd.
Farmington
(309) 245-9870
Sunday School: 9:30

Worship Service: 10:30
First Presbyterian Church of Farmington
Reverend Andy Sonneborn
83 N. Cone Street, Farmington
(309) 245-2914
firstpresfarmington.com
Sunday School: 9:15 am
Worship: 10:30 am
Fellowship: 11:30 am
New Hope Fellowship Assembly of God
Pastor Tom Wright
1102 N. Illinois Route 78
Farmington
(309) 231-8076
Sun. Worship: 10 am
Wed. Worship: 7 pm
PRINCEVILLE
Princeville United Methodist Church
Pastor Zach Waldis
420 E. Woertz, Princeville
(309) 385-4487
princevilleumc@mediacombb.net
Sun. Worship: 9 am
Sunday School: 10:15 am
St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church
Monsignor James Kruse
119 Saint Mary St., Princeville
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Sat. Confession: 3-3:45 pm
Sat. Mass: 4 pm
Sun. Mass: 8 and 9 am
Mon.-Sat Daily Mass: 8 am

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Father John Verrier
Legion Road Knox Road 1450 N
Williamsfield
(309) 446-3275
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Sun. Confession: 7:30-8 am
Sun. Mass: 8 am (8:30 am in the summer)
Williamsfield United Methodist Church
Pastor Teresa Shane
430 N. Chicago Ave.
Williamsfield
(309) 639-2389
Sun. School: 9:30 am
Hospitality (coffee & finger foods): 10:30 am
Sun. Worship: 11 am
YATES CITY
Faith United Presbyterian Church
Reverend Marla B. Bauler
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STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF PEORIA

On the 8th day of May, A.D. 2003, the original certificate of ownership was filed in the office of County Clerk, in the County of Peoria, Illinois for: SCHAFER FAMILY PARTNERSHIP, an Illinois General Partnership, at the following address: 7709 South Harkers Corner Road, Glasford, Illinois, 61533. On the 3rd day of January, A.D. 2021, the following persons were added to said organization and now have a financial interest in the business carried on under such assumed name: Kurt W. Schafer, SIGNED, and Tammy S. Edwards Schafer, SIGNED. Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me this 3rd day of January A.D. 2021. Marjorie K. Wolf, Notary Public. My commission expires September 4th 2023.

This instrument was acknowledged before me on this 29th day of January 2021, by James Warren Schafer, SIGNED, and was witnessed by Robert L. Potts, Notary Public. This instrument was acknowledged before me on this 30th day of January, 2021, by Kenneth Paul Schafer, SIGNED, and was witnessed by Marjorie K. Wolfe, Notary Public. This instrument was acknowledged before me on this 1st day of February, 2021, by Irvin Bruce Schafer, SIGNED, and witnessed by Lindsey Hoffman, Notary Public.

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) before me on this 5th day of March A.D. 2021. Rachael Parker, Peoria County Clerk.
Published 3/18, 3/25, 4/1/21

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA, ILLINOIS

U.S. Bank National Association
PLAINTIFF

Vs.

Yvonne A. Langford; et. al.
DEFENDANTS

No. 19-CH-00482

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 03/02/2020, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois will on May 10, 2021 at the hour of 8:30 AM at Peoria County Courthouse 324 Main Street, Courtroom 203 Peoria, IL 61602, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Peoria and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

THE EAST HALF OF LOT SIXTEEN (16) AND TEN (10) FEET OF EVEN WIDTH BY FULL DEPTH OF LOT OFF THE WEST SIDE OF LOT SEVENTEEN (17), IN BLOCK FIVE (5) IN EDISON PARK EXTENDED, A SUB-DIVISION OF PART OF LOTS TWELVE (12) AND THIRTEEN (13) OF LINDSAY'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTH-EAST QUARTER AND THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION THIRTY-THREE (33), IN TOWNSHIP NINE (9) NORTH, RANGE EIGHT (8) EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; SITUATED, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF PEORIA, COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PIN 14-33-206-020
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any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-19-11228. I3166143
Published 4/1, 4/8, 4/15/21

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., as Trustee for the POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT Dated as of October 1, 2004 MERRILL LYNCH MORTGAGE INVESTORS TRUST MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-WMCS Plaintiff,
Vs.
William Butcher Special Representative for Harold E. Breitenbach, Kara E. Breitenbach, Nicholas Breitenbach, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Harold E Breitenbach, Joanne Hillsman, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of October 1, 2004 Merrill Lynch Mortgage Investors Trust Mortgage

Catherine Caraway

ELMWOOD – Catherine “Kathie” Caraway, 92, of Peoria, a former resident of Elmwood, died March 23, 2021, at Proctor Place in Peoria.

She was born Jan. 27, 1929, in Peoria and raised by her grandparents, David Nace and Lida B. Demick. She married Thomas Brown in 1950. She later married Ernest Caraway Jr.

Surviving are her children, Nancy (Curtis) Neal of West Peoria and

Michael (Venisa) Brown of The Villages, Fla.; 4 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Kathie raised her children in Elmwood and her grandparents farmed near Elmwood.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. today, April 1, with visitation one hour prior at Davison-Fulton Woolsey-Wilton Funeral Home in Peoria.

Patricia A. Largent

HANNA CITY – Patricia Ann Largent, 79, of Hanna City died

March 23, 2021, at UnityPoint Health-Methodist in Peoria.

She was born on Aug. 4, 1941, in Peoria. Patricia married Donald A. Largent on Sept. 8, 1962, in Edwards. He survives. She is also survived by one son, Kevin Largent of Hanna City; two grandsons; three sisters; and five brothers.

Inurnment will be in Cottonwood Cemetery in rural Hanna City at a later date. Condolences can be left at davison-fulton-bartonvillechapel.com.

OBITUARIES

LEGAL ADS - Call (309) 741-9790

CLAIM NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS, PEORIA COUNTY

In Re **ESTATE OF STEVEN L. SHAW,**)
Deceased.) No. 21-P-00116

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **STEVEN L. SHAW** on February 26, 2021. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **JARRED KOSOWSKI**, of 412 South Kellogg Street, Yates City, Illinois 61572, as Executor, whose attorneys of record are **WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368.** Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois, or with the representative or both on or before the **8th day of October, 2021**, or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 2075, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. **Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.** Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

DATED this 19th day of March, 2021.

JARRED KOSOWSKI, Executor of the Estate of STEVEN L. SHAW, Deceased.

STEPHANIE F. SCHMIEG, ESQ.
WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD.
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Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-WMCS, Defendants.
16 CH 00392

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF HAROLD E BREITENBACH UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS:

PART OF LOT 5 IN MCKINNEY PLACE, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 2 AND 3 IN SLOUGH'S SUB-DIVISION, AS LAID OUT ON THE SOUTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, IN TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH-EAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 5; THENCE WEST ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 5, 340 FEET; THENCE NORTH 127 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTH LINE OF AN ALLEY TO BE RESERVED THROUGH SAID LOT 5; THENCE WEST 40 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 127 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE NORTH LINE OF GIFT AVENUE; THENCE EAST 40 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS. COMMONLY KNOWN AS 915 WEST GIFT AVENUE, PEORIA, IL 61604-2733

PIN # 14-32-256-036 and which said Mortgage was made by:

HAROLD E. BREITENBACH AND KARA E. BREITENBACH HUSBAND AND WIFE, the Mortgageor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for WMC Mortgage Corp. as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of PEORIA County, IL, as Document No. 04-19743; and for other relief, that summons was duly issued out of said

Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, on or before April 19, 2021, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 223 W Jackson Blvd., Suite 610 Chicago, IL 60606

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that this law firm is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Our File No.: 115013 I3165479
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS PEORIA COUNTY

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., PLAINTIFF,
VS.
DONALD LEE ADERMAN, JR.; CONNIE SUE ADERMAN; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF STEVE M ADERMAN, SR., UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DONALD L ADERMAN, SR. A/K/A DONALD L ADERMAN, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; BLAKE DUNLAP, GUARDIAN AD LITEM FOR NADINE R STURDIVANT-ADERMAN; LINN PERKINS, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DECEASED MORTGAGOR, DONALD L ADERMAN, SR, DEFENDANTS.
NO. 19 CH 00129

CLAIM NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS, PEORIA COUNTY

In Re **ESTATE OF MARY LOU DUCKWORTH,**)
Deceased.) No. 21-P-00091

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **MARY LOU DUCKWORTH** on January 31, 2021. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **JEANNE ANN WOLFORD**, of 10823 West Farmington Road, Hanna City, Illinois 61536, as Executor, whose attorneys of record are **WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368.** Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois, or with the representative or both on or before the **24th day of September, 2021**, or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 2075, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. **Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.** Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

DATED this 3rd day of March, 2021.

JEANNE ANN WOLFORD, Executor of the Estate of MARY LOU DUCKWORTH, Deceased.

ASHLEE E. STABLER, ESQ.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Village of Williamsfield will hold a Special Public Meeting 6:00 pm Wednesday April 14th, 2021 at KP Village Hall, 114 E. Gale St., Williamsfield, to provide information regarding proposed bathroom renovations and updates to ADA compliance at KP Village Hall. The public is invited to attend and comment on such issues as economic and environmental impacts, service area, alternatives to the project or any other pertinent issues. For more information contact Matthew Tonkin, Village President, at 508 815 9886 or via villageofwilliamsfield@gmail.com. Thank you.
Published 4/1/21

908 EAST MAYWOOD AVENUE
PEORIA, IL 61603
JUDGE
PRESIDING JUDGE

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU,

Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Steve M Aderman, Sr. defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

LOT 13 IN MAPLE SHADE ADDITION TO PEORIA; SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS. Commonly known as: 908 East Maywood Avenue Peoria, IL 61603 and which said Mortgage was made by,

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

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 - TELEVISION: Which 1990s TV drama invented the catchphrase "The truth is out there"?
 - MATH: What is the total of numbers 1-100 added consecutively (1+2+3, etc.)?
 - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What do the 100 folds in a chef's hat represent?
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 - MEDICAL: What is the common ailment classified in medical terms as singultus?
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Pages From The Past Compiled by Walter Lampe

5 Years Ago

The Princeville Village Board approved a new marketing approach for lots in the Aten Acres subdivision proposed by its Tax Increment Financing advisers and Village attorneys from Cordis & Cordis. Under the plan, lots will be sold for \$29,000, with \$22,500 down and a mortgage of \$6,500.

10 Years Ago

The Elmwood Junior High Scholastic Bowl team won the West Central Conference. Elmwood beat Brimfield, Illini Bluffs and, in the title match, Farmington. The team consisted of Kyle Tottenn, Kelly Hoffmann, Taylor Armbruster, Ian Armbruster and Tyler Meyers.

Cindy Alcaraz won the WHOI 19/CEFCU One Class at a Time contest. She received \$1,000 for materials for her marine science class in Elmwood.

40 Years Ago

The Elmwood Fire Department was called early in the morning of March 29 to the Fred Silzer home because of a large fire. They were assisted by Brimfield, Trivoli and Yates City.

A five-generation picture on the front page of The Times featured Ethel Daniels holding great-granddaughter Megan Johnson of Dahinda. In the back row were Cecil Ricker, Galesburg, Loudena Scot, Victoria and Jill Johnson of Dahinda.

At the Prairie Council Awards, Chris Wagoner of Williamsfield was the recipient of the Explorers Leadership Award.

85 Years Ago

Albert Stahl of Dunlap purchased the Schaad Hardware Store in Princeville.

90 Years Ago

H.E. Shepard of Henry leased a

two-story building west of Moul's Garage on E. Fort Street in Farmington to open a cleaning plant.

Herbert Hakes, prominent farmer of the Edelstein vicinity, sustained numerous bruises and injuries when he was attacked by an enraged bull.

90 Years Ago

E.L. Brown of Elmwood had a story published by the Illinois State Historical Society about construction of the first rural electric line in Illinois, and perhaps in the United States, in 1893 between Elmwood and Yates City.

120 Years Ago

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FOOTBALL: Two linebackers rack up 31 stops

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Princeville's approach has been to pound the run game and then every now and then toss Hoerr the ball to see if he can bust one. The plan is working. Against Knoxville, Hoerr caught five passes for 92 yards.

"He's got speed, he's a deep threat and he's got good hands," Carruthers said.

Of course, none of that would have been possible without a defense that could also slow Knoxville's ground game. And Princeville has that, too. With a veteran defensive line tying up blockers, linebackers Boland (16 tackles) and Chance DeGroot (15 tackles) were able to fly to the ball.

"We try to keep those two free and let them run," Carruthers said.

That paid off for Princeville with Knoxville driving in the second quarter. Boland came up with a fumble recovery to thwart the drive and to take some zip out of the Blue Bullets (0-2).

"That double-tight wishbone is tough to defend," Carruthers said.

"We told the kids, 'Stick together, don't get frustrated and make them



Hunter Boland was all over the field Friday for Princeville, running for 136 yards and two scores in a win over Knoxville. He also led with 16 tackles. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

drive the field."

Farmington vs. Macomb

FARMINGTON – After a positive COVID test in the football program, the Farmers were forced to postpone Friday's game with Macomb.

Coach Toby Vallas said, "most of the varsity team" had to be quaran-

lined due to possible contact with a positive COVID case. Farmington will also miss this week with West Hancock, which is also in COVID protocols. The Farmers are scheduled to play April 9 vs. West Prairie.

Mid-County

After missing two games with COVID issues, Mid-County opens its season today, April 1, at Stark County in a 7 p.m. kickoff. The Cougars face a Stark County team that has started 0-2 with losses to Ridgewood (48-22) and Ottawa Marquette (37-8).

Stark County has had COVID issues, too, playing without 10 varsity players in its opener, including 4 starters on offense and 5 on defense.

COVID Update

Elmwood-Brimfield has rescheduled its game with West Prairie for 1 p.m. this Saturday. West Prairie scrambled to schedule Macomb for the second week in a row after COVID issues at West Hancock forced the cancellation of that game. Macomb topped West Prairie, 22-8.

Rushville-Industry held a scrimmage Friday after South Fulton had a positive COVID test.

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Princeville 22 Knoxville 8	Fumbles-lost 1-1 0-0	Prairieland Blue	Lincoln Trail
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Princeville 6 8 8 0 - 22	Individual Statistics	Farmington 1 0 0 0	Annawan-Weth. 2 0 2 0
Scoring Summary	Rushing - K: Hankins 19-92, McClay	Elmwood-Brim. 1 0 0 0	Princeville 2 0 1 0
First Quarter	8-13, Wall 8-27, Fleisher 8-27, Shra-	Rushville-Industry 1 0 1 0	Ridgewood 1 1 1 1
P - Boland 42 run (conversion failed)	gal 2-12P: Boland 21-136, Rice 8-24,	Havana 1 1 0 1	Mercer County 1 1 1 1
Second Quarter	Hoerr 1-1, Streitmatter 3-(-2).	West Prairie 0 2 0 0	Ottawa Marquette 1 1 1 1
K - Wall 10 run (Fleisher run)	gal 2-12P: Boland 21-136, Rice 8-24,	Last Friday	Mid-County 0 0 0 0
P - Hoerr 40 pass from Streitmatter	Hoerr 1-1, Streitmatter 3-(-2).	Havana 18, Lewistown 6	Monmouth United 0 1 0 1
(Kratzer pass from Streitmatter)	gal 2-12P: Boland 21-136, Rice 8-24,	Macomb 22, West Prairie 8	Stark County 0 2 0 2
Third Quarter	Hoerr 1-1, Streitmatter 3-(-2).	S. Fulton at Rushville-Industry, ppd	Last Friday
P - Boland 6 run (Kratzer pass from	gal 2-12P: Boland 21-136, Rice 8-24,	W. Hancock at W. Prairie, ppd	Princeville 22, Knoxville 8
Streitmatter)	Hoerr 1-1, Streitmatter 3-(-2).	Elmwood-Brimfield at Knoxville ppd.	Mercer County 14, Ridgewood 6
Team Statistics	gal 2-12P: Boland 21-136, Rice 8-24,	Macomb at Farmington, ppd	Ottawa Marquette 37, Stark Co. 8
K P	Hoerr 1-1, Streitmatter 3-(-2).	Friday, April 2	Annawan-Wethersfield 56, United 44
First Downs - -	gal 2-12P: Boland 21-136, Rice 8-24,	Havana at South Fulton, 7 pm	Wednesday, March 31
Rushes-Yds 45-171 33-159	Hoerr 1-1, Streitmatter 3-(-2).	A-Town at Rushville-Industry, 7 pm	Ottawa Marquette at Princeville, 7 pm
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VOLLEYBALL: Elmwood improves to 4-1

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heimer had 14 digs.

On March 24, Princeville had to go to three games to defeat West Central 25-13, 23-25 and 25-17.

"It wasn't our best match, but we came together in the third game," Quart said.

Schupbach had 17 kills and 20 digs. Kielion had 32 assists.

The Lady Princes were to play Annawan at home Wednesday and then travel to Farmington Thursday.

Elmwood

The Lady Trojans (4-1) topped Delavan Thursday 25-1, 25-10.

"Everyone did a lot of little things that made a big difference," Coach Felicia Appell said.

Alexia Herman led Elmwood with 14 assists, Adeline Webster had 8 digs and Emilia Baldoni had 8 kills.

The Lady Trojans defeated North Fulton On March 23, 26-24, 25-23.

"It was back and forth the whole game, but we were able to focus and come out with a win," Appell said.

Etta Wagner and Emilia Baldoni had 7 kills each, with Alexia Herman contributing 18 assists and 9 digs.

Elmwood was to face Bushnell Prairie City at home Wednesday.

Farmington

The Lady Farmers (2-4) defeated Bushnell-Prairie City Monday 25-19, 25-19.

Emma Evans had six digs for Farmington while Emma Vallas put up six kills.

Farmington narrowly lost to Monmouth Roseville last Thursday, 25-22, 22-25 and 14-25.

Justyce Jennings had 14 digs, Vallas had 7 kills and Evans had 9 assists.

On March 23, the Lady Farmers defeated Peoria Heights 26-24 and 25-18. Tori Benedict had six digs.

Williamsfield

The Lady Bombers (5-3) narrowly defeated Mercer County Monday 18-25, 25-22, 25-23.

"It wasn't easy, but we hung right in there," Coach

Jaime Trotter said.

Kat Hunt led with 14 digs and 5 blocks and Molly Warner had 7 kills.

On Saturday, Williamsfield lost to Wethersfield 16-25, 10-25.

"We gave it everything we had, but when you play a good team you can't beat yourself," Trotter said.

Warner had 12 digs and Hunt had 4 kills.

The Lady Bombers lost to North Fulton last Thursday 25-14, 25-22. Natalie Gonzalez had 13 assists, Chloe Secrist had 9 digs and Hunt had 6 kills.

Williamsfield defeated Galva on March, 25-19 and 25-14. Gonzalez put up eight assists and seven digs, Hunt had seven digs and Angelina Adame had eight kills.

The Lady Bombers were to play ROWVA Wednesday for their senior night.

Brimfield

The Lady Indians are scheduled to resume play April 5 after being sidelined with COVID issues.



Julianne Kielion sets for Ashleigh Brawley Friday in Princeville's home win over Mercer County. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

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Big win for Princes

Farmington sidelined due to COVID

By **JEFF LAMPE**
 For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – The value of a passing game was apparent once again last Friday for the Princeville football team in a win over Knoxville, 22-8.

“It was a huge win for us. One of the best of my career,” Princes Coach Jon Carruthers said. “Boys played awesome. I’ve got a fun group.”

A different group, too. While Carruthers has flirted with the pass over the years, his steady has always been a pounding running game.

But last Friday, on a muddy field against a physical foe, the pass helped. While Princeville was outrushed, 171 yards to 159 yards, the Princes outgained their foes through the air, 104 yards to zero.

Sure, Princeville still ran. And “matching Knoxville’s physicality” was the key to the game, Carruthers said. Hunter Boland racked up 136 yards and ran twice for touchdowns. His first was a 42-yard sprint in the opening quarter and his second came from 6 yards in the third quarter.

But those runs were sandwiched around a 40-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Sam Streitmatter to Denver Hoerr that gave the Princes breathing room before halftime.

“It helps to be balanced, for sure,” Carruthers said. “That’s something we have this year. It’s something we as a staff have talked about.”

Princeville had no time to rest on its 2-0 start, though, as the Princes were at home Wednesday for a 7 p.m. matchup with



Chance DeGroot (53) and Grant Hunt combine to bring down Knoxville fullback Brayden Wall in Princeville’s 22-8 victory last Friday. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

Ottawa Marquette. That was necessitated because Marquette said “no” to a game on Holy Thursday, which is when other Lincoln Trail Conference teams are playing, to avoid games on Good Friday.

“You look at our first three games, and we’re going to be

battle-tested,” Carruthers said. “It’s COVID year. You just have to go with the flow.”

That’s easier when you have a deep enough backfield that a kid like Hoerr can play wideout, instead of running back, as he did on the frosh-soph levels.

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Princeville volleyball reaches 7-0

By **VICTOR LAMPE**

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – The Lady Princes (7-0) volleyball team continued a fast start to its season on Monday, dominating ROWVA, 25-9, 25-10.

Julianne Kielion had 15 assists in the win while Elle Schupbach had 5 aces, Ashleigh Brawley had 6 kills, and Lindsey Meisenheimer had 9 digs.

Last Saturday at home, the Lady Princes won over Mercer County 25-18, 25-11.

“I was really happy with how we did, Mercer County has always been good competition for us,” Coach Charissa Ouart said.

Kielion had 20 assists and Meisenheimer had 19



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